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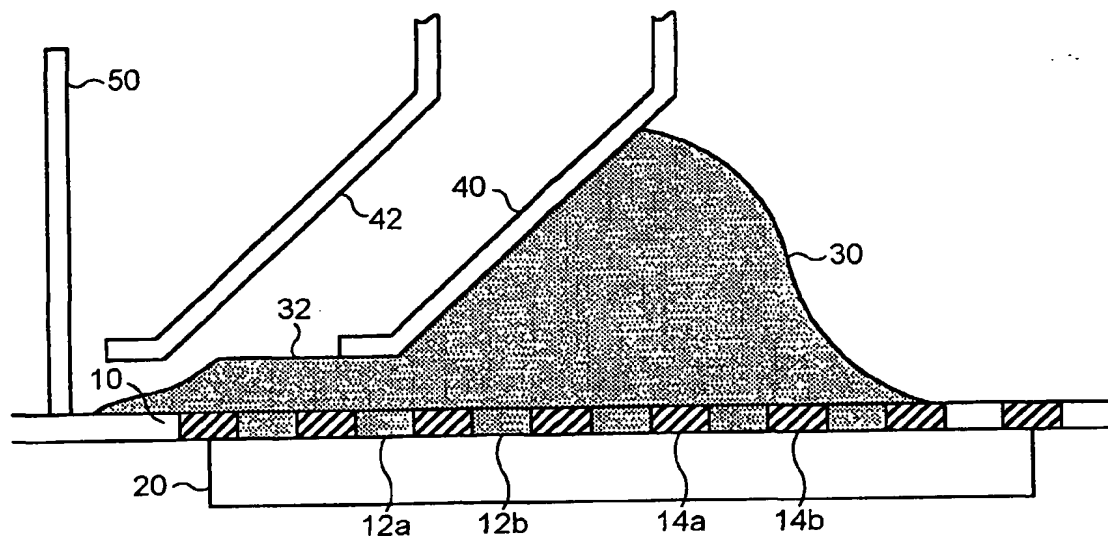
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a method of forming a tablet product. The method comprises closing off a perforation in a perforated plate; directing powder into said closed-off perforation by the sweeping action of a first director blade spaced from said perforated plate; compacting the powder to form a tablet; and transferring the so-formed tablet from the closed-off perforation. The method is characterized by relative rotary motion of the perforated plate and said first director blade. Suitable apparatus is also provided.



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